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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. CR 24-751-MWC

14 Plaintiff,

STIPULATION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING
HEARING FOR DEFENDANT JOSEPH
BENZA, III

15 v.

CURRENT SENTENCING HEARING:
July 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

16 JOSEPH BENZA, III,

17 Defendant.

[PROPOSED] SENTENCING HEARING:
February 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

19 Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel
20 of record, the United States Attorney's Office for the Central
21 District of California and Assistant United States Attorneys Thomas
22 F. Rybarczyk, and defendant JOSEPH BENZA, III, ("defendant"), both
23 individually and by and through his counsel of record, Edward M.
24 Robinson and Tom Yu, hereby stipulate and jointly request that the
25 Court continue defendant's currently-scheduled July 25, 2025
26 sentencing hearing to February 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. In support of
27 their request, the government and defendant hereby stipulate as
28 follows:

1 1. On January 17, 2025, defendant pled guilty pursuant to a
2 plea agreement with the government to a single-count information in
3 United States v. Joseph Benza, III, CR 24-751-MWC, which charged
4 defendant with Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law, in violation
5 of 18 U.S.C. § 242. As part of his plea agreement, defendant agreed
6 to cooperate in the government's ongoing criminal civil rights and
7 obstruction investigation. Defendant's cooperation may include a
8 request for him to provide truthful and complete testimony at any
9 proceeding or trial.

10 2. The government's investigation referenced above remains
11 ongoing. Should the government charge certain individuals connected
12 to that investigation, the government may call defendant as a witness
13 at such a trial.

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1 3. For these reasons, the parties jointly request that the
2 Court continue defendant's currently scheduled sentencing date to
3 February 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

4 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

5 Dated: June 18, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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16 Dated: June 18, 2025

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